# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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AFFECTED AREAS DUE TO TSUNAMI WAVES
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has made any discoveries on the areas affected from Tsunami waves recently;

(b) if so, the details and the number and names of Monuments/Museums of historical importance got damaged due to Tsunami, State-wise, location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for repairing/renovation of these monuments and museums ?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Yes Sir. Three bas-reliefs were exposed by the Tsunami waves at Mamallapuram coast(Chennai). These depict (i) the figure of tiger and a deity in a niche flanked by demi-gods, (ii) bas-relief figure of an elephant and a horse with a circular niche at the top and (iii) figure of a kirtimukha (lion face).

The bas-reliefs are carved over a bed rock and stylistically they belong to Pallava period.

(b) & (c) There was no damage to any of the protected monuments/museums of the Archaeological Survey of India due to Tsunami waves. However, the compound wall & fencing of two monuments in Tamil Nadu was partly damaged for which repairs have already been taken up. The names and location of these monuments are as under:-

1. Shore Temple at Mamallapuram, Distt. Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.
2. Tiger Caves at Mamallapuram, Distt. Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.